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INFO AMEMBASSY GUATEMALA

C O N F I D E N T I A L PANAMA 06524

FOR A/SY/OPS/T, GUATEMALA FOR RSO FROM RTC

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ASEC
SUBJECT: VEHICLE INFO: 69 CHEV. 427 CU IN COM VEHICLE,
GUATEMALA

1. DURING RECENT VEHICLE INSPECTION THE FOLLOWING MAJOR
ITEMS WERE NOTED:

A. MAIN FRAME

1. FRONT CROSS MEMBER - WHERE LOWER A-ARMS ARE PIVOTING
AT MAIN FRAME, PROGRESSING CRACKS WERE FOUND. THE RIGHT
SIDE CRACK IS APPROX 4-5" IN LENGTH AND IS BEGINNING TO
CRACK IN TWO DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS. THE LEFT SIDE CRACK IS
A LITTLE SMALL BUT IN APPROX. THE SAME LOCATION. THE
FACILITIES REQUIRED TO REPAIR THIS TYPE OF MAIN FRAME BREAK
IS NOT AVAILABLE IN THIS LOCATION OR IN PANAMA. THESE
CRACKS ARE SEVERE ENOUGH THAT WE SUGGEST THAT THE VEHICLE
IS PARKED UNTIL DISPOSITION FROM A/SY/OPS/T
HAS BEEN RECEIVED-;

2. ENGINE

1. ENGINE RUNS WELL, TIMING, DWELL SET CORRECTLY;
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VACUUM IS STEADY 17" NG.

2. TWO SPARK PLUGS NO. 4&5 WERE OILY WHEN PULLED. A
COMPRESSION TEST WAS TAKEN OF ALL CYLINDERS AND MOST
CYLINDERS READ AROUND 180 PSI. THE NO. 4 CYLINDER READ
155 DRY AND 195 WET, INDICATING BROKEN OR BADLY WORN RINGS.
THE NO. 5 CYLINDER READ 155 DRY AND 165 WET INDICATING A

BAD VALVE.

3. THE ENGINE RUNS WELL ENOUGH BUT WITH THE ADVANCED MILEAGE AND SEVERE ROAD CONDITIONS WE RECOMMEND THAT IF THE VEHICLE IS TO BE RETAINED AND REPAIRED THAT A SHORT BLOCK BE PURCHASED.

4. A COMPLETE NEW EXHAUST SYSTEM IS ALSO INDICATED.

5. THE FUEL TANK IS COMPLETELY UNARMORED.

6. FOR AN INTERIM PERIOD THE 71 CHEV. COULD BE BROUGHT INTO USE, WITH THE INSTALLATION OF LEXAN BEHIND WINDSHIELD AND MINIMUM AMOUNT OF MECHANICAL WORK.
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